



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2187
Docket No.: 1081.1134**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuhiko IKEUCHI et al.

Serial No. 09/994,698

Group Art Unit: 2187

Confirmation No. 7926

Filed: November 28, 2001

Examiner: Peugh, Brian R.

For: RAID CONTROLLER AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on July 6, 2004. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 7, 2004. (September 6, 2004 being a USPTO holiday).

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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